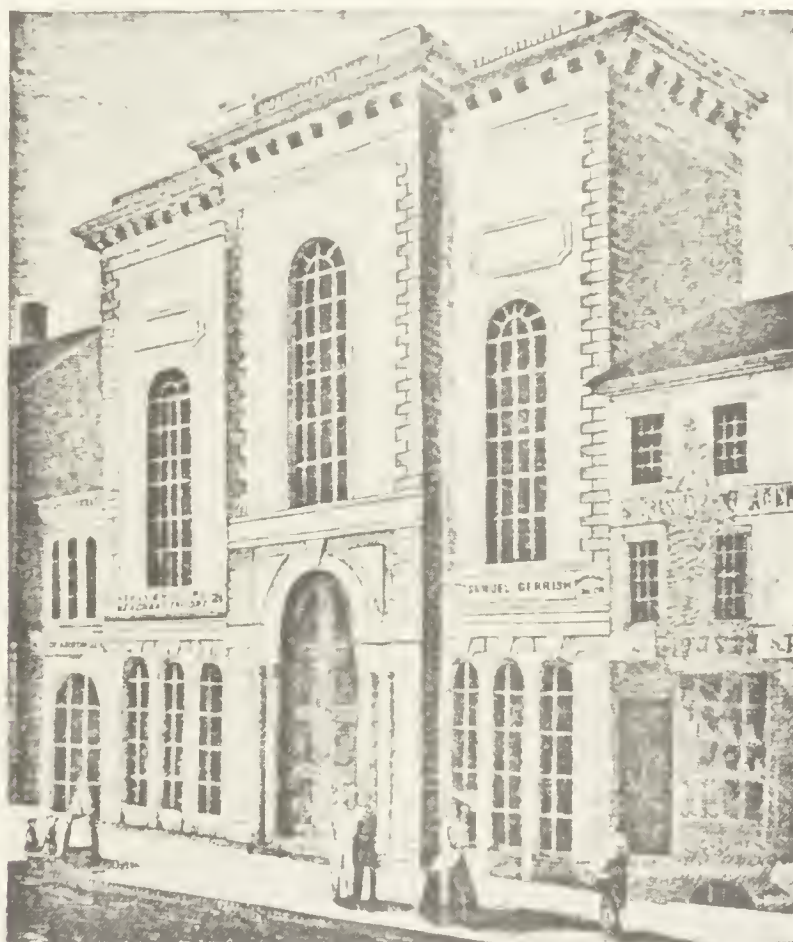


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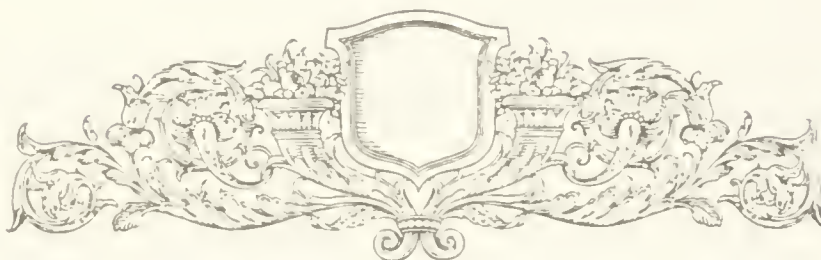
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Most groceries bought with checks

By BRIAN B. KING

WASHINGTON (AP) It costs a food store about 26 cents to accept a check, which is the way 75 percent of all grocery purchases are made, a new study by the Food Marketing Institute shows. That cost presumably is considered when food prices are set, although the study did not raise that point.

The study by the food chains' trade association also showed that, contrary to estimates offered by bankers, the cost of "bad checks" is relatively low - about a nickel for every check accepted at the check-out stand.

The study was prompted by talk of introducing computerized systems in supermarkets in which consumers would pay for their purchases with a card that would transfer funds directly from their bank account to the market's. One advantage of such a system, proponents say, would be a reduction in supermarket costs for handling checks and writing off bad ones.

Timothy M. Hammonds, FMI's research director, noted, however, that most labor costs would be the same or possibly higher with an all-cash or electronic-funds transfer system.

The survey of 2,484 stores with total 1976 sales of \$12 billion, or 10 percent of national supermarket sales, found out that each store wrote off as totally uncollectable an average of 1.5 checks a week out of the 1,707 it accepted.

An average of 17 checks a week were returned to each store marked "insufficient funds," but, the report said, "most of the checks will be collected on subsequent redeposit."

The average uncollectable check was written for \$38.52 which worked out to 3.4 cents per check accepted. The cost of trying to collect on bounced checks worked out to an additional 1.8 cents per check accepted, the study determined.

When the costs of issuing and validating check-cashing courtesy cards, wages for those handling checks, processing them and some bank fees were cranked in, the bill for accepting each check came to 25.9 cents, the study said.

"Labor costs are the major factor in the cost of check acceptance," with 68 percent of the total assigned to wages, the study said.

The stores in the sample had average weekly sales totalling \$93,000, compared to the industry wide average of \$67,000.

Bank error in his favor; he collects

Central Jersey Incredulous

FREESEY CITY, N.J. — You can modestly allude to a guy as a few bucks here and there, but not when he has a bank account and finds \$100,000 in it because some bank made a mistake.

Some people would call the error a big bank contribution. But police believe a Jersey City man may have skipped town after

withdrawing the money in cash and treasury notes.

A warrant was out yesterday for Charles Walsh, 35, a bachelor car dealer who lived alone in a small house and kept to himself in a working class neighborhood. The warrant charges him with failing to appear in court Tuesday on charges of defrauding the bank of \$100,000.

Walsh disappeared after receiving his

monthly savings a couple of months after the Commercial Trust & Savings Bank told him that Walsh actually had a bad check statement credited him with \$100,000.

Police said a computer keypunch operator hit the wrong key on the information to \$50,000 deposits. The \$100,000 was supposed to have gone to a commercial account with a bank number one digit different from Walsh's number.

An early example of automated banking

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In mid-1969, when a change in my work assignment brought about a relocation to suburban Boston, Massachusetts, I established bank accounts with the First National Bank of Natick, Massachusetts, in Framingham, a nearby community. Besides the standard checking and savings accounts, I also established a safety deposit box. In addition, the bank offered complete loan services and a unique new service called "Greenback Checking."

Greenback checks, as it became known to me, was a service that gave the customer a set of checks that were similar in design and function as the standard check. The bank allowed the customer to cash the greenback check 24 hours a day for a fixed face-dollar amount that was printed on the check. The banking function was actually done by an automated teller machine, named by the First National Bank of Natick (F.N.B. of N.) as "Marilyn". The machine was located outside the bank entrances of at least two of their branch offices and operated 24 hours a day. To insure security against fraudulency, specially coded holes were punched in the check which was "read" by the machine when the check was inserted. In addition, a 6-digit code was assigned to each customer which had to be keyed into the machine at the same time the check was inserted. Both the holes and the code were validated by the machine. The holes apparently were identification information, a validity date, and a cross check code for the manually keyed data.



DACS—"The World's only Check Cashing Machine"

Once accepted, "Marilyn" returned \$25 in cash to the customer wrapped in a banded packet.

The checks, printed by the Federated Bank Note Company, were distributed in sets of ten at no cost to the customer. The maximum amount on any check was \$25, thereby allowing a maximum credit limit of \$250. Included in the set was a reorder slip when the supply of checks diminished. As a further precaution, each check had a Valid Until date which meant that the check had to be used before that date. In addition, all checks had the bank's ABA (American Banking Association)

transit and routing code printed in the upper right hand corner and in MICR (magnetic ink character recognition) on the bottom of the check. The customer's account number was also imprinted on the bottom of the check. Lastly, just as a customer would normally use a standard check, it had to be signed.

To make the package attractive, the bank put the checks in a paper wallet-like holder which could be easily carried on the person or stored in a convenient location (in my case, the glove compartment in my car). The reverse side of the holder gave the instructions for operating the "Marilyn" unit, which called for signing the check, clearing the machine with the "C" button (refer to the illustration), entering the 6-digit code and inserting the check over the special locating (or holding) pins. The locating pins were in a drawer which was unlocked when the 6-digit code was entered. The drawer was then closed to allow check processing.

When processed, the drawer again opened and in place of the check, the packet containing the cash was there. Each packet contained two \$10 bills and one \$5 bill. The instructions on the packet and the back of the holder stressed that the \$25 be deducted from your checking account balance. When the drawer is closed for the final time, the transaction is complete.

The cancelled checks were returned with my regular bank statement. Cancellation consisted of slicing off about 3/4" from the left side of the check. This easily prevented the check from being used again.

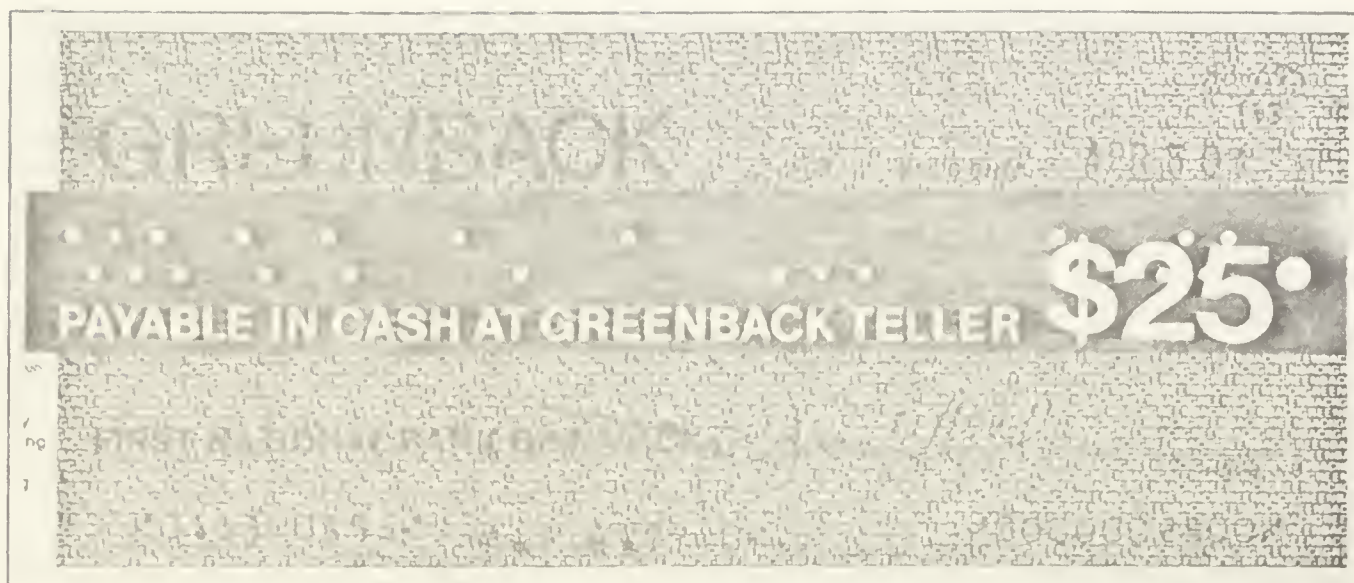
By late 1969 I left the Boston area for another work assignment, but returned in the fall of 1971. I resumed use of the Greenback Check service and continued to use it until I left again in April 1973. During the time I used the system, I cashed 43 Greenbacks which is approximately one every 12 days. The system was invaluable to me since I was able to obtain cash outside of the normal banking hours and since I was out of town or worked late on weekends, it was very convenient.

"Marilyn" was built by the De La Rue Instruments Company, formerly of Hicksville and Roslyn Heights, Long Island, New York. The machine is similar in design and size to a night deposit system since it is mounted in the wall of a bank building.

The De La Rue Automatic Cash System (DACS) was certainly a unique check-operated cash dispensing system. To my knowledge the only other bank in the area that used it was the First Pennsylvania Banking and Trust Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The First National Bank of Natick (now the Guaranty-First Trust Company) removed the two systems from service in September 1974, so the Greenback System (to my knowledge) is now a matter of history. The trend in automated banking appears to that of credit card operated machines.

Note from the author:

If any members of CCRT have seen or used this or a similar check-implemented cash dispensing system, please contact me. I would like to collect more data.



cancelled check (left edge severed)

How to use your Greenback Check Cashing Machine

1. Sign your Greenback on signature line. Be sure drawer is closed. Then press button "C" to clear machine for use.
Tap your secret 6 digit number on the panel of numbered buttons and the drawer will unlock.

2. Pull drawer open and place Greenback Check, face upwards, on locating pins. (Be sure check is placed fully on pins, there is a hole on either end of the check for this purpose.) Close drawer which then locks.

3. Watch for WAIT light which stays on for 20 seconds. "Accepted" light comes on and drawer unlocks.

4. Open drawer and take your money.

5. Close drawer tightly, so machine is ready for use by next customer.

If your Greenback Check is rejected, please read instructions on illuminated panel.

Be sure to deduct \$25.00 from your check book balance each time you use a Greenback check.

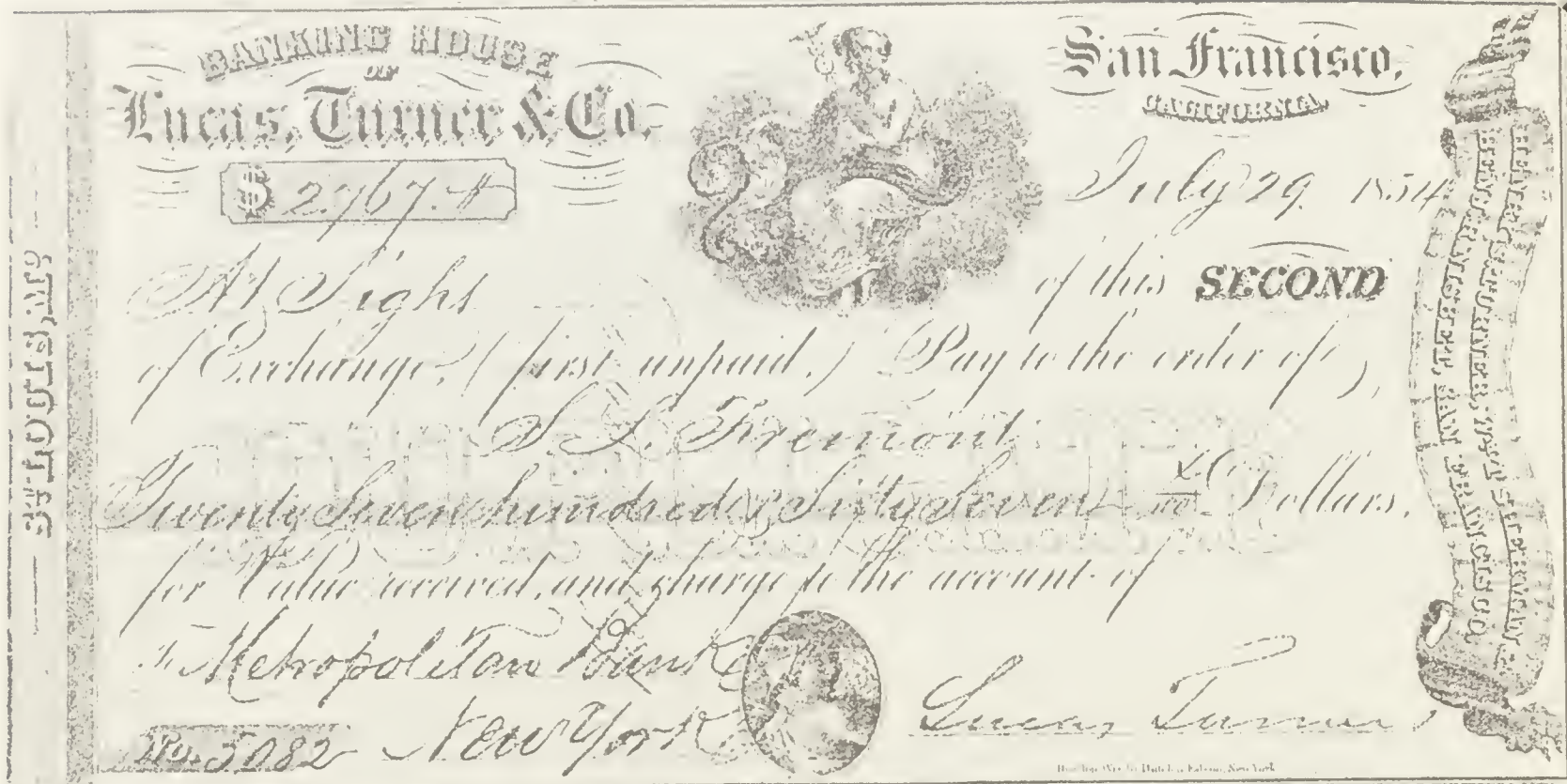
IMPORTANT

PLEASE BE SURE TO DEDUCT \$25.00
FROM YOUR CHECKBOOK REGISTER.

THANK YOU FOR BANKING WITH US.

Marilyn

message on cash packet



The S.L. Fremont of this draft was Captain Sewell Langdon Fremont of the 3rd U.S. Artillery stationed at Benicia, California. Fremont had sailed in December the previous year from New York with the regiment commanded by Col. Washington. The second day out, the steamer San Francisco was struck by a hurricane. The main deck cabin was swept away with 139 soldiers and the Colonel. Sewell was the paymaster of the regiment and the sight draft was issued through the banking house of Lucas, Turner & Co. Note on side - the officers of the bank include W.T. Sherman, a friend and classmate of Fremont's class of 1837 West Point. Sherman, like Grant and others, had left the Army for a while.

Early American Bank Check Forger by Earl Moore

One of the most prolific of American forgers of documents was Robert Spring. Born in England in 1813, he gained notoriety by his fabrication of letters and documents of George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Lord Nelson. Little is known of his early life before he migrated to Philadelphia about 1858, where he started to deal in books relating to America, autographs, and prints. Being unable to supply a demand for genuine autograph material of famous men of the American Revolution, he commenced making and selling counterfeit documents. As an expert penman he soon acquired skill in imitating the handwriting of Washington, Franklin and others.

Spring's favorite forgeries were holograph bank checks of George Washington (wholly written by the signer), dated during the last few years of Washington's life. Each was cross cut cancelled. During this period, partly printed bank

checks were in use but many were handwritten. Washington forged checks exist, drawn on the "Cashier of Office of Discount & Deposit, Baltimore" (Branch of Bank of U.S.) payable to Doctor James Craik, Philadelphia, February, 1796. Dr. Craik attended Washington during his last illness. Another example, illustrated below, drawn on same bank, payable to General H. Lee, dated at Mount Vernon, January 1799 illustrates several weaknesses in making this counterfeit check. "Deposit" was often spelled "Deposite" in the title of branch banks. Some trusting soul had written on verso "was written last year of Genl. Washington's life".

Mount Vernon Jan 3 1799

The Cashier of the
Office of Discount & Deposit Baltimore

Will please pay to General H. Lee
or Bearer the sum of One Hundred & Seventy
five dollars and chg the same to my acc^t.

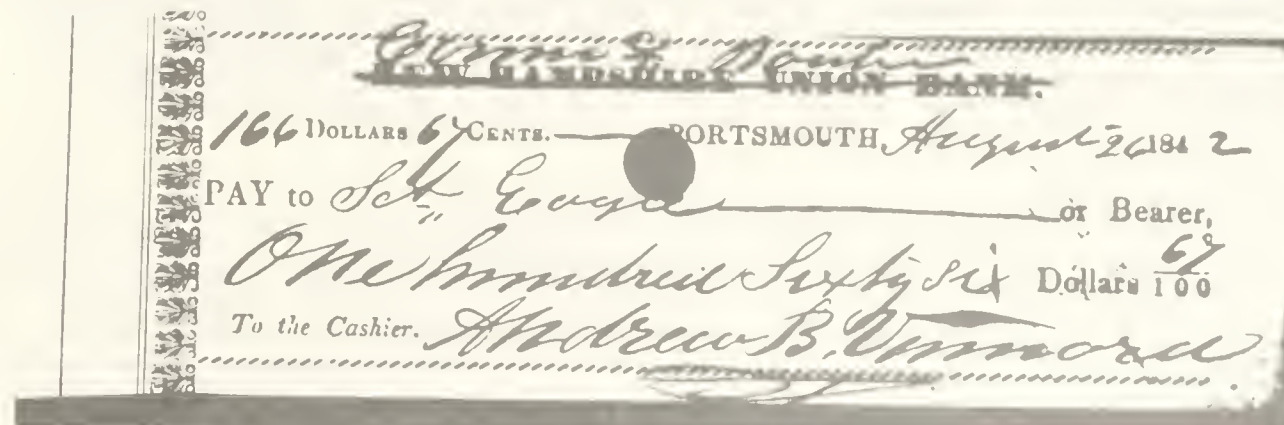
175 Dols G. Washington

Spring had a tendency of forgers to condense the length of an authentic signature in the making of a forged signature, quite often in an uneven and shaky hand.

Such documents were written on old paper of that era with ink prepared to simulate age which deceived those who were not experts. Quite often the forger would use paper of a later period.

Spring was arrested frequently for obtaining money under false pretenses but managed to escape punishment by confessing guilt and expressing contrition for his offenses. Most of his fake letters of Franklin and Nelson were sold in Canada and England. To sell them, he resorted to various schemes, finally pretending he was a daughter of General Thomas Jackson who was compelled by poverty to part with family papers. By this ruse he sold many counterfeit items to Confederate bond holders in England. He died in poverty as an inmate of a Philadelphia hospital, December, 1876.

AN EARLY SMALL SIZE CHECK DRAWN ON THE COMMERCIAL BANK, PORTSMOUTH, N.H.



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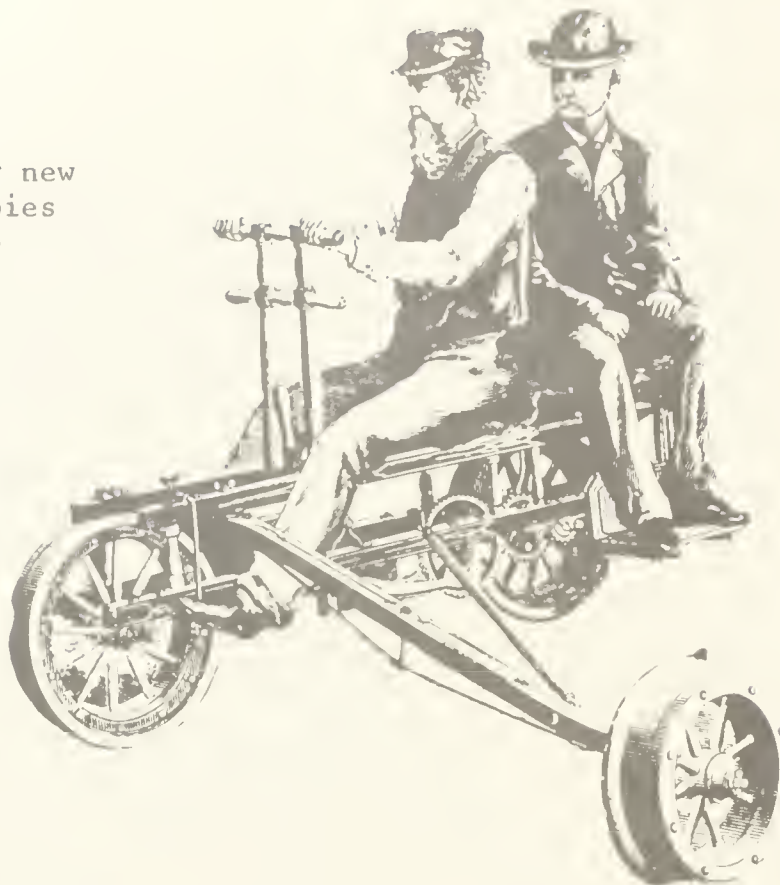
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WANTED: Checks and State Bank Notes of Massachusetts and New Hampshire before 1900, especially vignettted checks. Also scrip and college currency. Also want Bank tokens (any state), counterfeit detectors, books on banking histories. Will buy, sell, or trade. J.F. Stone; Box 125; Milford, N.H. 03055

TRADE: Have early Wells Fargo's, variety of super nice Western checks and drafts. Have extra Herschfield & early Colorado drafts, checks, trade tokens, etc: Prefer early Colorado, Kansas, and Utah. (Will consider all other Western states) SASE appreciated. Don Havens: 5125 West Alameda; Denver, Colorado 80212

WANTED: Pre-1900 checks and bank items from Elbert County, Colorado. Will buy. Tess Harris; Box 127; Agate, Colorado 81001

SALE OR TRADE: New Jersey Millville National Bank 1879-1883 with R152 stamp. Asking \$1 each or will trade for other New Jersey checks needed. HMC Robert Mitchell; AFRIDNA; Bethesda, MD 20014

WANTED: College and educational notes and checks, plus books on banking in New York State. When writing, please quote price and condition. John Glynn; 58 Nevilles Court; Dollis Hill Lane; London N.W.2, England

TRADE: Trade my checks on the First National Bank of Corvallis, Oregon for any 1907 Cashier's checks payable to bearer with the inscription "payable only through the Clearinghouse". First five replies will receive two checks - one dated 1897 and an 1899 counter check. other checks dated up to 1905. Ton Sheehan; Box 14; Seattle, Wash. 98111

WANTED: Missouri checks, paper money, and tokens. Also want old postcards or photographs showing any Missouri bank. Also any Missouri bank history, old business directories, and/or photographs of Missouri bank officers. Bruce W. Smith; Box 34; Stevens Point, WI 54481

TRADE: Canadian coins and paper currency to trade for western checks pre-1880 Lists exchanged, also wanted Alaska checks. George Story, Sr.; 1220 North West 12; Oklahoma City, OK 73106

WANTED: Stocks, bonds, checks, stereo views, postcards, anything old made of paper. Also have paper items for sale. Ron Haglund; Box 294; Naperville, Ill. 60540

WANTED: Checks and other financial documents relating to military operations, especially of the United States, World War II to date. Included are military banking facilities checks currently in use. Also wanted ---- Information pertaining to all of the above. Fred Schwan; Box 138; Portage, Ohio 43451

WANTED: Maryland checks, stocks, bonds, lottery tickets, colonial, obsolete, and National currency. Also advertising currency, cards, mirrors, etc: of medical, dental, Temperance, Red Cross interest. Will buy or trade. Leonard M. Rothstein; 2503 Velvet Valley Way; Owings Mills, MD 21117

WANTED: Playing card revenue stamps used on bank checks. Also higher denominations of revenue stamps on certificates, notes, etc: as well as off-beat paper. I seek printed cancellations on 19th century revenue stamps. Have a lot of early checks, mostly unused, to trade. SASE brings list. Also wanted are business cards prior to 1890. Reid Brandon; Box 1011; Oakland, CA 94604

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SELL OR TRADE: Territory checks of Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Oklahoma, and Oklahoma Indian Territory. Approvals sent to members only. George Story, Sr.; 1920 North West 12; Oklahoma City, OK 73106

SELL: Attractive Bullion and Exchange Bank of Carson City, Nevada Cashier's checks, most used in 1893, to the Anglo-Californian Bank, Ltd. Pale yellow with black printing. Stubs re-attached. \$3.75 each. Also Arkansas checks from 1890 to modern. Railroad union checks from Arkansas (North Little Rock) 1940-1965. Your choice, \$1. Roland Burnham; P.O. Box 995; Santa Barbara, CA 93102

WANTED: Railroad Co. stock certificates or bonds wanted. Roger Kranich; 3902 Australian Court, West Palm Beach, FLA 33407

SELL: Modern paid English checks . Mixed banks, some used abroad. Sent sea-mail for \$15 per 100 or \$1 for six. Also used Honduras, Guatemala, \$5 each sea-mail prepaid. For the Cinderella item man; passports from State of Thomond, State of Cuckfield, used items, also Citizen Certificate for Murkollen, all \$10 sea-mail prepaid. Also passports for Ocenunis-made to order and valid, for \$25. Brian Smith; 20 Becketts Way; Framfield, Uckfield, Sussex, England

TRADE: 1883-1884 checks with RN-Glb ("Stamp Redeemed") overprint, for any checks with RN's of other types cataloguing (Scott) \$1 upwards. Equal Scott value trade. Also have many other fine checks and drafts to swap. Ken Gordon; Box 902; Spartanburg, SC 29304

WANTED: Stock certificates with famous people's signatures. Ed Mendlowitz; 43 Arden Road, Old Bridge, N.J. 08857

WANTED: English checks before 1930. Also English private bank notes, bank histories, etc: G.L. Grant; 19 Cyprus Gardens; London, N3, England

SELL: Canvas bank bags from any Federal Reserve Bank or major Indiana banks, \$1 each. J.E. Frazier; R10, Box 157; Bloomington, Ind. 47401

WANTED: U.S. Postal Notes and Money Orders, also Reply coupons of all countries. Please write describing the material available for offer. J.E. Noll; P.O. Box 16392; Irvine, CA 92713

BUY, SELL, TRADE: Nevada paper - stocks, checks, etc: Also-have cleaned out my traders, have many Nevada stocks, checks, rare R.R. material for sale. Send for my list. W.J. Metscher; Box 664; Tonopah, Nev. 89049

WANTED: I collect all items printed by the E.A. Wright Bank Note Company. I will buy outright or trade, including multiples. Thanks. Fred Schwan; Box 157; Portage, Ohio 43451

WANTED: All items relating to Utah and the Mormons of any kind especially pre-1920. Same for American West. Bill Luetge; 3211 North 44th St. Milwaukee, WI 53216

TRADE: Will trade for North Carolina checks, obsolete bank notes and scrip. Especially need information on North Carolina TOKENS for future catalog I am compiling. Would appreciate rubbings or will consider buying and/or trading for N.C. tokens. Jerry Roughton; 2002 Carpenter St.; Greensboro, N.C. 27403

WANTED: Checks with vignettes of fire fighting apparatus, especially engines. Please send with price asked or describe and price in letter. J.F. Stone; Box 125; Milford, N.H. 03055

SELL OR TRADE: Several hundred American and European Bank Histories. Am interested in American, Canadian, and Scottish Banknotes; also Scottish cheques. John Cormack; 32 Lincoln Ave.; Little Lever, Bolton, Lancashire BL3 1HE, England

WANTED: Checks, drafts, etc; on Donahoe, Ralston, and Co. - Fretz and Ralston - and Garrison Morgan, Fretz and Ralston, all of San Francisco. Harmon M. Weeks; Box 623; New Rockford, ND. 58356

WANTED: Documents franked with 19th century U.S. adhesive revenues. Michael Mahler; 3100 Sawtelle Blvd. #2; W. Los Angeles, CA 90066

WANTED: Buying old Cincinnati material: Obsolete notes, fiscal paper, post cards, books and banking histories, etc: Robert Flaig; 1652 Pinebluff Lane; Cincinnati, Ohio 45230

WANTED: Needed to complete my collection of cancelled checks, in the following amounts: 1¢, 2¢, 4¢, 6¢, and 12¢. Also checks from U.S. Territories Herman L. Boraker; Box 204; Rocky Ford, CO 81067

WANTED: Directories before 1935, Comptroller Reports, postcards of old banks (interior and exterior views), bank commemorative booklets and bank history books. John Hickman; Box 260; Des Moines, Iowa 50301

WANTED: Checks from any bank or business with "HEALD" as part of the name, or with any signer or payee named "HEALD". William R. Heald; 2018 Palm Ave.; Sanger, CA 93657

WANTED: Information about watermarked checks in your collection. Please contact me with what you have; I'll exchange information on what I have so far and on what I still need. Your contributions to this research project will be very much appreciated. Raymond H. Rathjen; 4047 Graham St.; Pleasanton, CA 94566

WANTED: U.S. Loan Office Certificates from 1770s to 1790s. Please describe and price. Bill Anderson; 16 Pickwick Drive; Commack, N.Y. 11725

WANTED: Checks and other material related to banks of Sacramento, CA and of Colorado, especially Las Animas. Please send description and price. David Thompson; Box 423; McLean, VA 22101

WANTED: Iowa bank checks, drafts, certificates of deposit, etc: Check or draft from any state with vignettes. Larry Adams; 209 Park Circle; Boone, Iowa 50036

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TRADE: Want bank bags, deposit slips, modern checks or bank envelopes with bank name imprinted. Will trade 100 checks at one time. Joe Vaughn; 912 N.Washington; Liberal, Kansas 67901

WANTED: Old postmarks, especially July 1, 1971, from Washington, Oregon, Kansas, Nevada, Utah, Rhode Island, Indiana, and Iowa. Ebert Reiter, RFD 1, Canton, MO 63435

TRADE: Checks from my area for checks from your area. Mark J. Haley, Route 1, Box 179; Waseca, Minn. 56093

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- WANTED: U.S. Government, Treasury checks. (Treasurer or Ass't Treasurer of the U.S.)...also U.S. Postal Money Orders. Larry Adams, 969 Park Circle, Boone, Iowa 50036
- WANTED: Early Dakota material: checks, Nationals, covers, cards, documents, stock certificates, tokens, etc: Dr. D.E. Brick, 300 West 4th Ave. Mitchell, S.D. 57301
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- SALE: Checks- RM's-RN's pre-1800 through 19th century. Write for free monthly lists. Edward J. Craig, Box 509, Oyster Bay, N.Y. 11771
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- WANTED: Checks, drafts, etc: containing a picture of Santa Claus or of a telephone; leads as to where one or both of these may be obtained would be appreciated. Joseph E. Seiter, 2117 Winchester Dr., Indianapolis, Ind. 46227
- WANTED: Personal checks of famous people bearing adhesive revenue stamps or on revenue stamped paper. Henry Tolman, II; Box 603, Orange, Conn. 06477
- SALE OR TRADE: Send U.S. Commemorative stamps...\$1 in mint stamps brings four old U.S. checks. Dale M. Walters, 811 Stone Rd. Lexington, Kentucky 40503

Historic School Street... Home of The Boston Five

Contributed by James F. Stone

In choosing School Street as the site of its first bank, the Boston Five Cent Savings Bank had decided upon one of the most distinguished and celebrated streets in the city.

It was a fortunate choice, because when the Great Fire of 1872 destroyed sixty five acres in the city center, School Street was one of the few streets left undamaged.

But the fire came very close, so close in fact that the bank's records and assets, valued between \$12 million and \$15 million, were hastily transferred to the Charles Street home of the Five's president, Paul Adams.

The very first location of the Boston Five in 1854 was in a converted store under the Second Universalist Meeting House, built in 1817 as the place of worship for what was then a new religion. However, this was merely a temporary residence for the bank.

On a site across from City Hall, and formerly the location of a provision store, an oyster saloon, and a bookbinder's establishment, the first Boston Five building was constructed in 1858.

The Boston Five was to occupy these quarters continuously for sixty six years. At first, only a part of the street floor was used for banking. But as the bank grew, additional space was taken until the entire first floor, basement, and a part of the second floor were occupied.

ON THE SITE OF THE PROVINCE HOUSE

Considered at the time an "elegant, substantial building," this remained The Boston Five's home until 1924 when the widening of Province Street required that it be torn down. It was while a new bank was being built that the Five took temporary quarters in a building on the site of a famous Boston landmark, the Province House.

Built in 1679, the lavishly decorated Province House had been the residence of various English governors. And history records that from here General Thomas Gage and Lord Percy planned the fated expedition to Lexington and Concord.

Sadly the Province throughout the years, and governor's mansion to down in 1864.

The Boston Five in 1926 to an impressive been joined by a new School Street.



Province House



FIRST BUILDING OF THE BOSTON FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK

Completed in 1858, taken down in 1924, and nearly all of the site included in the taking for the widening of Province Street.

House changed hands many times it had gone from elegant lowly tavern when it burned

moved from this historic site pillared bank, which has now addition, at the foot of

THE ORIGINS OF SCHOOL STREET

School Street received its present name as long ago as 1708. But even before that time, in 1635 the town of Boston had purchased a lot on the north side of the thoroughfare to erect a school building and a house for its teacher.

Prior to 1708 it had been known as "the street leading from the house of James Pen to the house of Mr. Norton."

Writing in 1926, a Boston Evening Transcript reporter stated, "You are rather more likely to meet a friend in School Street than in any other street in the city. It seems as if everybody in Boston passes through the street at least once a day." And the Bostonian's fascination for the street in the 1-20's was obviously also prevalent in the 1850's.

For School Street has always been a veritable microcosm of society. Housing at various times numerous churches, a city hall, a bank, several stores, a livery stable, a bookstore, a famous hotel and a school.



FIRST LATIN SCHOOL.
In the rear of King's Chapel, 1645-1748.



Photo by Arnold Belcher
OLD PROVINCE STREET
Probably the last photograph taken before the widening, January, 1924.



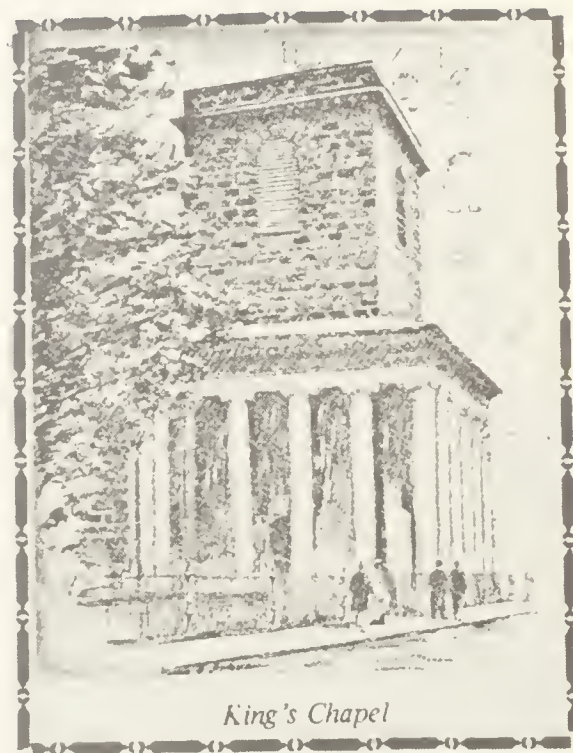
THE CORNER OF CITY HALL AVENUE AND SCHOOL STREET
IN THE EARLY 60'S



COURTHOUSE ON SCHOOL STREET
Erected in 1841; remodelled in 1841-42 for a City Hall, removed in 1863.



SCHOOL STREET, 1855-60



King's Chapel

SOME REMARKABLE SCHOOL STREET "FIRSTS"

It is a street with a fascinating number of firsts. For example, the Boston Public Latin School, founded on School Street in 1635, was America's first free public school. Its alumni, reading like a list of Who's Who in American History, included Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, Samuel Adams, Ralph Waldo Emerson, George Santayana, and Joseph P. Kennedy. King's Chapel, at the corner of Tremont Street, was the first Anglican church in Boston, built in 1688 and replaced by a stone structure in 1750. But the obelisk which now stands outside King's Chapel honors a Catholic, the Chevalier de Saint Sauveur, a French nobleman who gave his life in the American Revolution. For him, the first Catholic funeral mass was offered in the chapel's crypt. Other churches throughout the years on the street included a French Huguenot, a Congregational, and a Universalist.

*Abraham Lincoln President
of the United States of America from
March 4th 1861 to March 4th 1865
May Heaven bless him with seeing the
Rebellion crushed, entirely & subdued
forever that this Nation may
forever stand for a Model of
freedom & Liberty for all mankind
under good & wise laws*

FACSIMILE OF ENTRY IN DEPOSIT DAY BOOK OF THE BANK

Probably written by John D. Bean, 1865.

THE OLD CORNER BOOKSTORE

Down at the bottom of School Street, opposite the Boston Five's main office stands the oldest brick building in Boston, the former home of the Old Corner Bookstore, which was the city's literary center for many years.

John Greenleaf Whittier and Nathaniel Hawthorne came here to see their publisher, Ticknor and Fields. Other distinguished visitors included Oliver Wendell Holmes, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Charles Dickens and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Rescued from demolition by the Historic Boston Corporation in 1960, this structure survives as a unique example of eighteenth-century domestic architecture in this area.

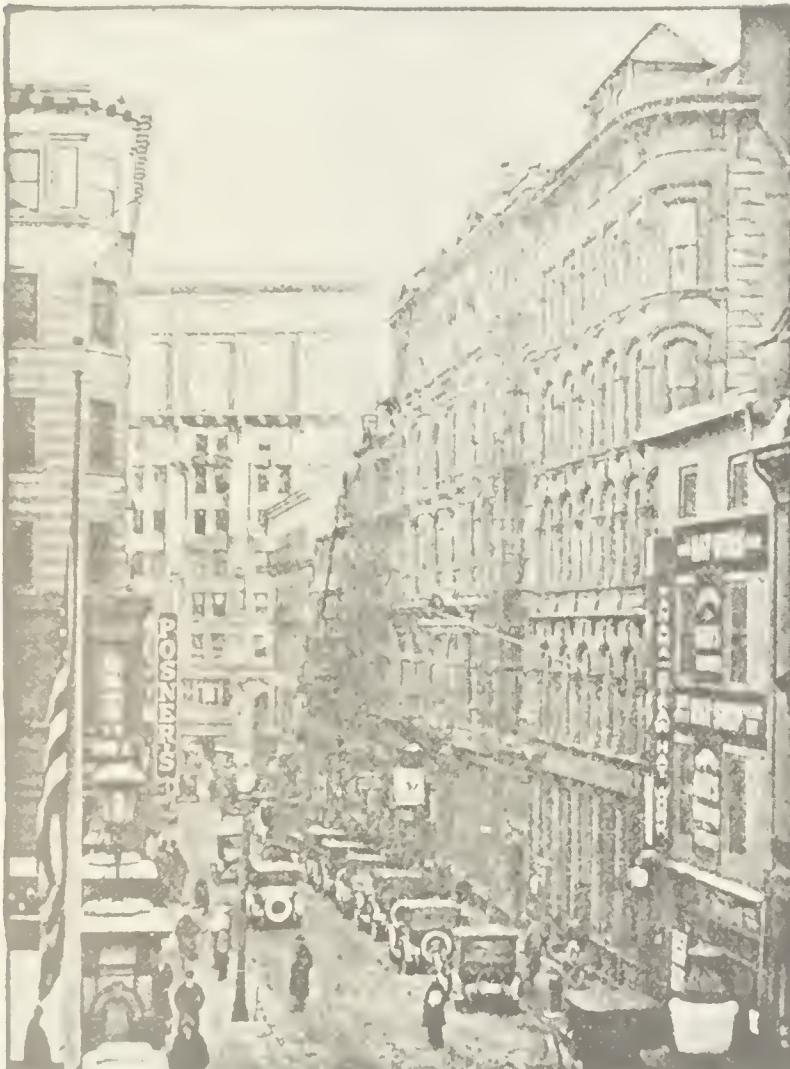
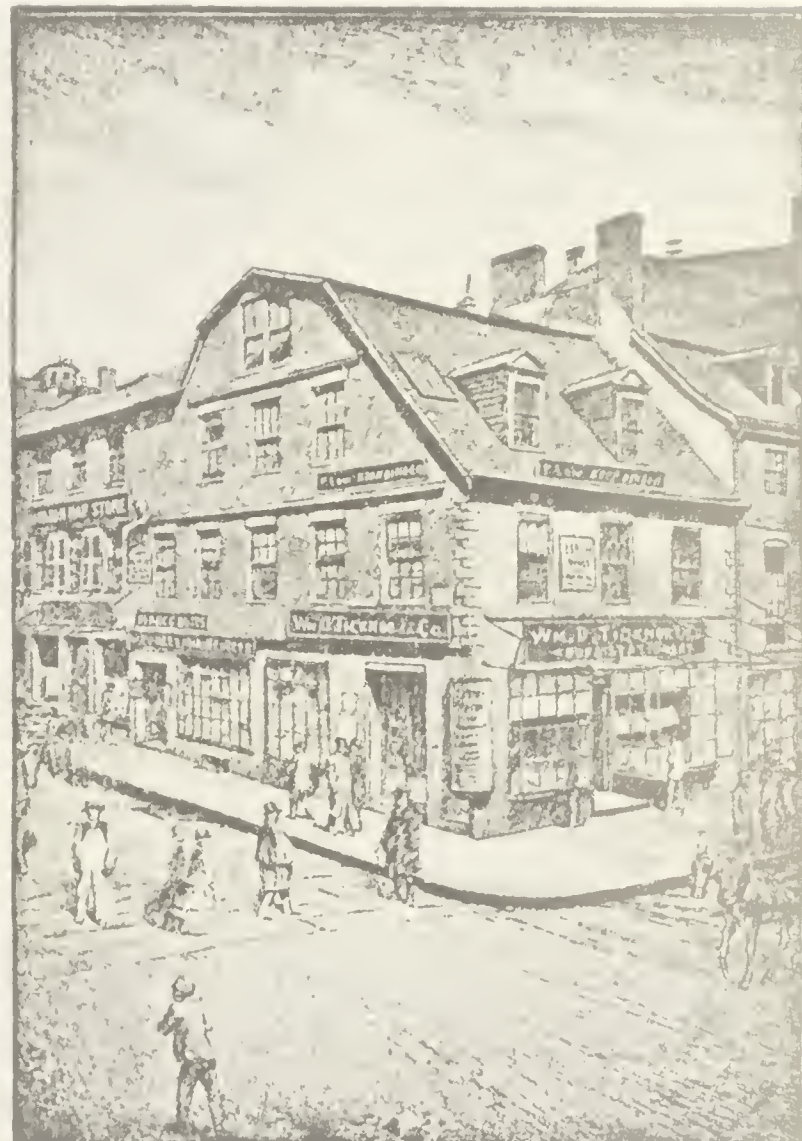


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LOWER SCHOOL STREET

Taken in January, 1924, just before the old building of The Boston Five Cents Savings Bank was taken down.



THE OLD CORNER BOOK STORE AT THE CORNER OF SCHOOL AND WASHINGTON STREETS, ABOUT 1847

ELEGANT OLD CITY HALL

Yet another School Street building of great historical importance to Boston is Old City Hall.

Work began on its construction in 1861. But not, it appears, without some opposition.

During the Civil War it was argued that the cost was prohibitive, "in view of the call of money for the bounty to soldiers and expenses generally of the war."

Defenders of the idea, however, pointed out that the Lincoln Administration was continuing work on the Capitol in Washington.

The defenders won the day and the cornerstone was laid in December, 1862.



BOSTON CITY HALL

Dedicated 1865



Kallmann & McKinnell, architects of The Boston Five's new building at School Street, have been designated winners of the 1974 Harleston Parker Medal by the Boston Society of Architects.

The medal, awarded to "the most beautiful piece of (new) architecture . . . within the limits of the City of Boston," was presented by the Mayor at the Society's Annual Awards Dinner in June.

*Bank's Award-Winning
School Street Headquarters
Photo by Ezra Stoller*



**The
Boston
Five Cents Savings Bank**

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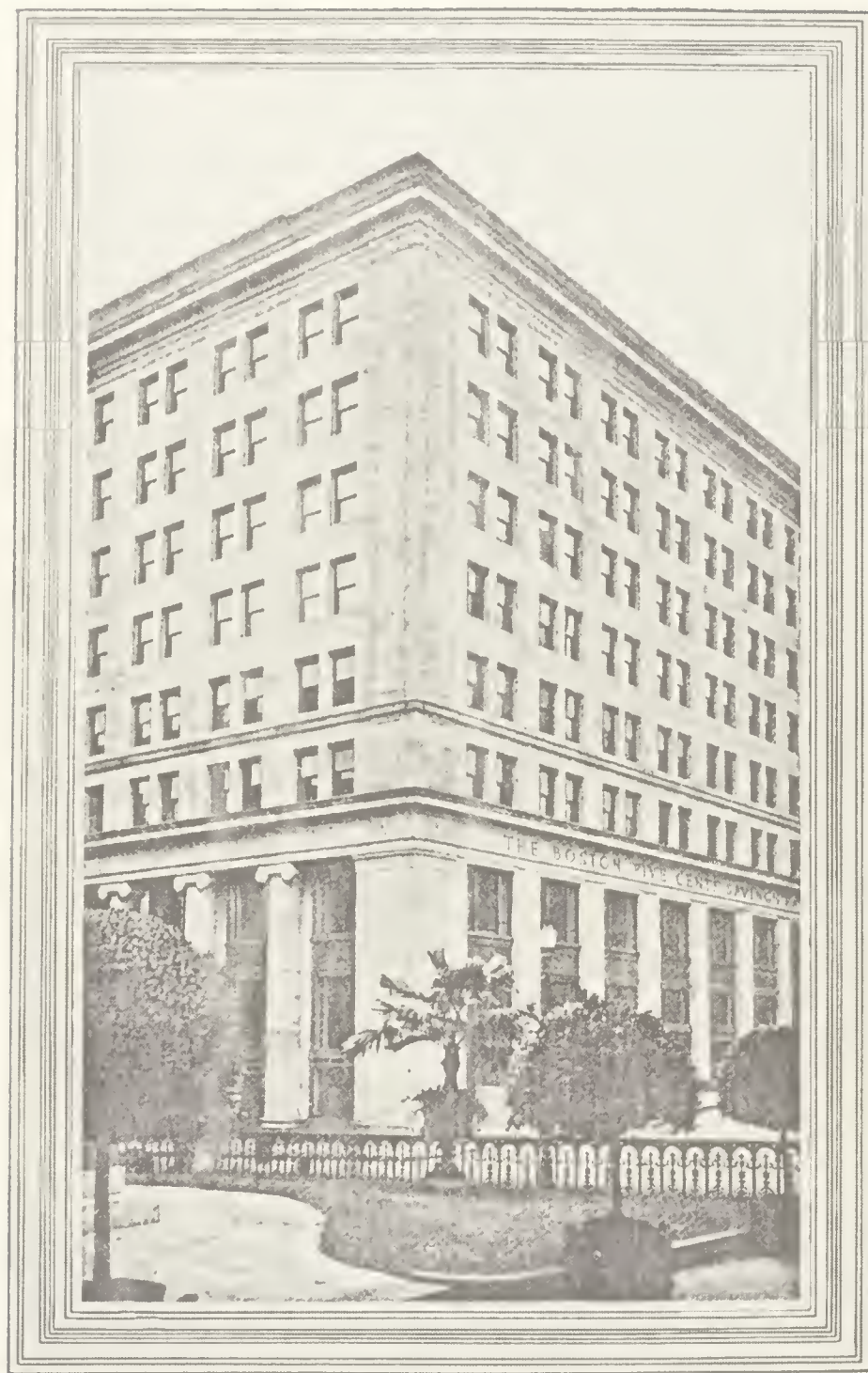
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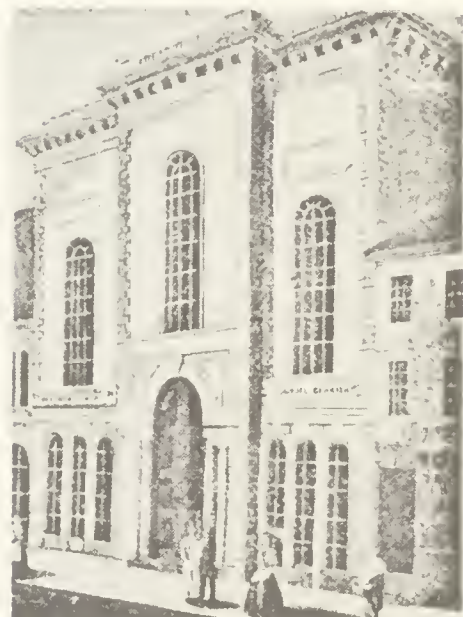
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First Deposits — From 5¢ to \$500!

An eleven-year-old from Charlestown, Mary Grace Stone, was the first customer to open a savings account at The Boston Five.



32 School Street: Our First Office

Mary Grace entered the converted store at 32 School Street on May 1, 1854, to deposit some money received in birthday gifts.

With the bank's dignitaries looking on, she reached up and passed three dollars over the counter. Then, she signed her name in a 'fair hand' and received Passbook Number One.

That day four accounts were opened with the minimum five-cent deposit — and one with five hundred dollars. In all, 134 passbooks were issued the first day of business!

HISTORY STILL LIVES HERE

School Street remains a most fascinating thoroughfare with many historic landmarks still standing.

The Parker House, where Dickens stayed during one visit to Boston, is still with us. As is the Old City Hall, King's Chapel, the Old Corner Bookstore building and, of course, the Boston Five Cent Savings Bank.



DEDICATION OF THE FRANKLIN STATUE, OLD CITY HALL, SCHOOL STREET

"September 17, 1856. This has been a holiday, on which has taken place the inauguration of a statue of Franklin in School Street, and the consequent celebration by the tolling of bells, firing of cannon, and a procession of some miles in length. The students of Harvard were invited to join the Sixth Division. At last after marching through numberless streets, I don't know how many miles, we retired to Pemberton Square and disbanded. Did I ever feel more used up!" From *America of Yesterday*: John Davis Long.

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1897 Letterhead from Manchester, England featuring early check protectors

Paper Foil Check Copiers



From Staff and Wire Reports

Burroughs Corp. introduced a new check paper Wednesday that it claims will foil folks who try to reproduce checks on color copying machines.

The company said the new product, called the "Super Safety II" check, is colored by a special screening process that will make the word "void" appear on any reproduction of the check.

Since Xerox Corp. introduced its Model 6500 color copier several years ago, there have been increasing reports

of photocopied money and stock certificates being taken for the real thing.

BURROUGHS SAID that the new safety paper is currently in use only for checks, but that it is studying ways to adapt the process for use in licenses, certificates, coupons, tickets and other documents.

At a New York press conference Wednesday, a Burroughs official said that the new process will boost the cost of printing checks from 20 to 50 per-

cent. The company said it doesn't plan to license the process to other check printing firms.

A Burroughs spokesman said it's possible to fine-tune color copiers so that the word "void" wouldn't show up when the copy was made, but doing so would wash away the check's color and brand it an obvious phony.

The company said it accounts for 10 to 11 percent of the U.S. check-printing market, or about \$16.5 million in annual sales.

Auction # 27

CHECK COLLECTORS ROUND TABLE

Mail bids to:
JACK WEAVER, AUCTION MANAGER
P.O. BOX 30
WOODLAND, CA 95695

Club Member of A.N.A.

CLOSING DATE: May 13 , 1978

Pleased to report that 36 of you submitted bid lists on Auction #26--and that's pretty darned good. The sale grossed \$344.80 and that's good too. There was good action on most all lots. Forty six of the 61 lots drew 5 or more bids. I like that. Last but not least, the treasury appreciated a little windfall from material donated by members Dick DeKay and Steve Meier--Thanks fellows.

Here's the full list of prices realized:

Lot #1 \$16.10	Lot #13 \$ 7.60	Lot#24 \$ 4.00	Lot#36 \$ 8.10	Lot#48 \$ 3.45
2 5.30	14 4.10	25 2.60	37 8.25	49 6.10
3 5.50	15 1.75	26 10.35	38 6.25	50 4.45
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8 3.35	19 5.45	31 8.10	43 3.85	55 10.10
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11 6.45	22 11.85	34 6.60	46 5.35	58 8.85
12 2.85	23 2.10	35 4.25	47 7.10	59 2.25
				60 5.10

And so to Auction #27 which follows. A fewer number of lots this time but I still don't know the optimum length for an auction. But it's good stuff. Ground rules still the same: Lot goes to the highest bidder at 10¢ over second highest bid...in case there's a tie for high bid, first bid received is the winner. Minimum bid is \$1 per lot, please...bid in multiples of 5¢.

Hope you find some things here you'd like to own--so bid away!

Lot #1 Donated to CCRT by issuer, Assn. of Shrine Oriental Bands: Eight "checks", each approximately 8½" x 11", issued between June 24, 1974 and Sept. 12, 1975 to commemorate a Shrine function. Various colors of safety paper, printing generally red with green with over-all desert scene on each. Drawn for \$1 on various banks; "invalid after 30 days".
(Clue for bidders: set sells for \$5.50)

Next five lots are a rerun of Lots 7-12 in Auction #25 and relate to the Pleasant Valley Wine Co. of Rheims, Steuben County, N.Y.:

Lot #2 Check, black on white, on Bank of Hammondsport, N.Y. used 1899. R164 (2¢ red battleship) tied by company's date stamp. Protected with amount in red ink written vertically across signature on check. Company imprint in left end panel; check headed "Producers of Great Western Champagne". Special feature: Picture of a bottle of champagne (1½" x 4") on REVERSE of the check.

Lot #3 Similar to above check except 1) on yellow paper, 2) with champagne bottle on reverse printed with blue ink; and 3) drawn on Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Bath, N.Y.

- Lot #4 Check on Farmers & Mechanics Bank, Bath, entirely different style, used 1895, features vignette at left end of champagne bottles, glasses, grapes, etc: and fancy logo for the company across the top of the check. "protected" as in Lot #2. Bonus: Commercial draft used 1897 by company, nicely engraved with oval vignette of a kindly gentleman presumably connected with the wine company.
- Lot #5 Very handsome check on Steuben County Bank, Bath, N.Y. with fancy engraved company logo vertical at left end plus obverse and reverse of a gold medal (1 inch diameter, printed in GOLD) labelled "Vienna 1873 First Prize." Used 1875 with RN-D1
- Lot #6 Draft form printed by Western Bank Note & Engraving Co., Chicago, for Phenix Distilling Co., Chicago; drawn 1877 on Pleasant Valley Wine Co. Vignette about 2" x 2½" in upper left shows early still (distilling equipment) flanked by sprig of rye on left and stalk of corn on right.
- Lot #7 Grab-bag of 5 items including 1) check, overall brown-on-white on Natl Bank of the Republic, NYC, used 1866, R6, big "NEW YORK & NEW HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY" intaglio across check; signed by treasurer; nice vignette (long and narrow) of early train vertically at left end; 2) check on "Cashier of the City Bank, NYC, imprinted for Abraham Bell & Co., black-on-gray, showing "Quaker dating" 3 Mo 2nd 1840; plus three commercial drafts, one completely blank showing Indian vignette, second used 1895 with Elk head, last used 1903 with cotton boll, bale, etc.
- Lot #8 Two territorial items: 1) Check of Bonebrake Hardware and Implement Co. on Citizens Natl, El Reno, Ok. Terr.; used 1904; and 2) Bank draft of the American Natl Bank, Wetumka, Ind. Ter., drawn on the 4th Natl, St. Louis; used 1906; vignette of eagle.

Currency collectors, ATTENTION! Four great lots ahead:

- Lot #9 Folded letter sheet, written by cashier of the Lewis County Bank, Martinsburgh, N.Y. addressed to "Hon. A.C. Flagg, Comptroller, Albany" (It's a stampless cover with appropriate markings) dated Oct. 10, 1844, requesting Comptroller to issue 1,000 impressions from their 5,5,5,10 plate and 2,000 from the 1,1,2,3 plate. Says would prefer Messrs. Rawden, Wright, & Hatch "if they will do this as good & as cheap as any other house". Sample of the banks \$1 note enclosed (unissued-unsigned) but it's a real rag--torn, cut, etc.
- Lot #10 Member who submits it calls it a "do-it-yourself broken bank note"--not quite, but close: Looks like a broken bank note with appropriate vignettes, etc: but no state, city or bank indicated. This one hand dated April 16, 1857 with "New York" and "Georgetown" written in upper right after printed "State of". Printed (with manuscript fill-ins underlined) "THREE DOLLAR NOTE/ At sight, we promise to pay the bearer/ in Goods at our Store. E.L. Savage--Wm.W. Carr." Terrible shape--darkened, wrinkled, chewed edges, but completely readable and intact.
- Lot #11 Missouri War Claim Certificate. Acknowledgement by State that it owed \$96 to William G. Brown for "supplies furnished". Issued Nov. 5, 1874; signatures of governor and acting Quartermaster General. Understand these were Civil War claims still unpaid; hopefully U.S. Govt. would provide state with funds to pay. Black-on-brown, size of large size currency; currency-like green back. Very fine shape--somewhat off-center but crisp and no folds.

- Lot #12 Check on Bank of the Metropolis, Washington (DC) dated Nov. 30, 1861 signed by L.E. (initials ?) Chittenden, signer of our earliest greenbacks. Check for \$35, labelled "Rent for November".
- Lot #13 Unused check: on Natl Bdwy Bank, NYC 186_ ; brown-on-white with RN-B7. Left end panel $1\frac{1}{4}" \times 3\frac{1}{4}"$ has "New York & Delaware River Slate Co" above & below highly detailed drawing of winding river and mountains with train coming out of tunnel in foreground.
- Lot #14 Unused check: on Natl Shoe & Leather Bank, NYC 187_ with RN-C6. Left end panel $1\frac{1}{2}" \times 3"$ has "Herrick & Houghtaling, importers and jobbers of Teas/335 Broadway, Cor Worth Street" above & below picture of two Chinese coolies lugging a big box of tea (?) suspended from bamboo pole.
- Lot #15 Great choo-choo vignette in left end panel: red-on-white check of Mansfield & Framingham R.R. Co. (in very small letters) on Boston Natl Bank; used 1870; RN-B7.
- Lot #16 Interesting pair of large locomotive vignettes in left end panels; almost identical but not quite. Was one copied from the other? Obviously. First on check drawn apparently by an individual on The Monroe Bank, Woodsfield, Ohio in 1875; other drawn by Northern N.H. Railroad on Minot & Co., Bankers, Concord, N.H. payable at Shawmut Natl Bank, Boston. Used 1877. Both checks have RN-D1's.
- Lot #17 A whole checkbook; business size, two-on-a-page. First 14 pages used Aug. 1897 to March, 1898; remaining 86 pages (172 checks) intact. On The Fidelity Trust & Guaranty Company, datelined Buffalo, N.Y. 189_. Black script on pink paper.
- Lot #18 Another checkbook: Three-on-a-page. Some stubs cut out of book--32 pages of stubs (used Jan/Apr 1897) remain, then 59 pages of checks (177 checks). On Niagara Bank of Buffalo, datelined Buffalo, NY 189_. Black script on gray paper.
- Lot #19 Wholesale lot: Nine checks elaborately imprinted for W.H. Moody (with big monogram left end); drawn on Eastern Oregon Banking Co., Shanike, Oregon, used 1910/15. Three checks ragged at left end.
- Lot #20 Another wholesale lot: Twenty checks on Natl Coml Bank, Albany, N.Y. Ten are blue-on-white, 12 black-on-white. Used 1867/72. Seventeen have R15, 3 have R135.

Seven lots of especially handsome bank drafts, large size, notable for their vignettes. All have borders and other embellishments. First four are by American Bank Note Company.

- Lot #21 First Natl, South Bend, Indiana drawn on Culver, Penn & Co., NYC. Used 1864, R5. Small piece out of lower left, interesting repair. "Justice" upper left, Franklin (?) showing bust of Washington (?) to small child, upper right.
- Lot #22 German Natl Bank, Pittsburgh, on Central Natl, Phila, used 1867. RN-B7. Young lady upper left, eagle upper right.
- Lot #23 Bank of Memphis, Tenn., on Mechanics & Traders, New Orleans. Young lady with apron-full of flowers upper left, "Miss Agriculture" upper right. Used 1861.

- Lot #24 First Natl, Manchester, N.H. on Natl Bank of the Commonwealth, Boston; Young lady with some sort of primitive weaving device upper left; Bucolic river scene upper right. Used 1901; RN-X7
- Lot #25 Printed by Continental Bank Note Co., NYC: First Natl, Rushville, Ill. on (written in) 3rd Natl, St. Louis. Used 1875, RN-D1; "Miss Navy" with big gun and doves upper left, shield and eagle upper right.
- Lot #26 Printed by Wm. Mann, Phila: Maysville Exchange Bank (word "Exchange" blanked out) Maysville, Mo. on (written in) American Exchange Bank, NYC. Used 1877; RN-G1. Eagle at left end, rural scene upper right with man on horse, boy on fence, dog, pony, sheep, etc.
- Lot #27 Printed by H. Gugler & Son, Milwaukee: Maysville (Mo) Bank on (written in) Merchants Bank, St. Joseph, Mo. Used 1880; RN-G1. Family of 3 deer at left end, "Justice" upper right.
- Lot #28 My favorite bank name: Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities; Phila. Black-on-lavender check used 1882, R152. Payable to "Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities, Atty for Trustees under will of Lord Ashburton".
- Lot #29 Interesting Mother Lode item: Check on W.O. Sleeper & Co., Columbia, Calif., used 1858. Black-on-gray. Drawing at left end of eagle on embellished panel containing names: W.O. Sleeper/A.E. Hooker. Litho by Britton & Rey.
- Lot #30 RN Fac from Citizens Bank, Nevada City, Calif; used 1890. Business size check. The RN Fac is like the one on pg 8, Jan '73 Checklist; check is very similar to the one on page 86, July '75 Checklist.
- Lot #31 Check on John Conly & Co. Bankers, LaPorte, Calif. Handwritten dateline: "Port Wine, Dec. 27, 1864. R5. In lower margin, between amount in numerals and signature, maker has written one word "Free" What does that mean?
- Lot #32 Two on John Sime & Co., Bankers, SF, Calif: 1) Blank check, bank name in Old English, big vignette of "Columbia" in left end. RN-B7; 2) check used 1871, R15. Printed in lwer left above amount in numerals: "in Gold Coin".
- Lot #33 Two checks on Wells Fargo & Co's Bank; 1) Purple-on-white, imprinted for Savage Mining Co., datelined Virginia, Nev; used 1878. RN-G1. 2) Black-on-salmon, imprinted for Thomas Conlin, datelined Columbia, Calif., used 1892.
- Lot #34 Three almost identical checks on Tallant & Compy, Bankers, SF. Brown-on-white, used 1868, all have R15s, heavily oxidized (to dark brown) One check payable to "Slp Ocean Spray". (Sloop?)
- Lot #35 Duplicates: Two red-on-white checks on Sather & Co., Bankers, SF, used 1881 & 82; RN-G1s; One payable to "A.L. Mateados and others or Bearer".

- Lot #36 Common but desirable: On Bank of Calif, SF used 1872. Imprinted for North Pacific Transp. Co. with picture of ship left end, big, brown RN-C22.
- Lot #37 Check on Second Natl, Freeport, Ill. Used 12-2-64, serially numbered "1". Tax was paid by two 1¢ Proprietary stamps (R3's), a no-no. Stamps nicely cancelled by date and maker's initials.
- Lot #38 Check on Jay Cooke & Co., Phila; used 2-12-69. Attractive because of large (1½") circular embossed stamp over signature line reading "PAID"/by/Jay Cooke & Co./Philadelphia". Uncancelled 2¢ orange R15.
- Lot #39 Black-on-gray check of City Bank (with "National" rubber-stamped above & between "City" and "Bank"); used 1867. Imprinted for C.F. Caruana whose circle date stamp cancels 2¢ orange R15. Word "Gold" and serial number "158" both added in red ink. "Gold" added again by rubber stamp, vertically in red ink.
- Lot #40 Two nice checks from Bellefonte, Pa: 1) Ornate black-on-buff of First Natl. Beneath bank name is "Late Humes, McAllister, Hale & Co." Used 1866. Vignette boy sharpening scythe. Tax paid by 5¢ red certificate R24; and 2) blue-on-white check on "Humes, McAllister, Hale & Co., Bankers". With names of bank owners in elegant left-end panel; used 1864 with 2¢ blue Proprietary R13.
- Lot #41 Two all-manuscript checks, both in check format and size. Both have several endorsements showing routine acceptance. 1) Written 1851 on "Cashier of the Albany Bank". Heavy folds and somewhat worn. Written 1881 datelined Clearfield, Pa., on County Natl Bank with 2¢ blue R152 Nice condition.
- Lot #42 Five checks and one note plus one check used as a note, on Leonard, Finney & Co., Bankers, Clearfield, Pa. All used 1864, all with 2¢ blues (One a R13 Proprietary, others Express or Bank Check) Two with interesting end-panel vignettes of flatboat being poled along.
- Lot #43 Four time drafts, each with revenue stamp; used 1870 & 71. Three payable at First Natl, Bellafonte Pa., other at First Nat, Shippenburg. Stamps are 5¢ red agreement (R23) 5¢ red Certificate (R24) 10¢ blue Certificate (R33) and 15¢ brown Inland Exchange (R40).
- Lot #44 Five Certificates of Deposit 1864/72. Four Second Natl, Freeport, Ill., other Foster & Co., Fostoria, Ohio. With stamps: 5¢ blue & black 2nd issue R107; 2¢ blue certificate R7; three with 5¢ red Inland Exch R27.
- Lot #45 Couple of correspondent drafts with vignettes: 1) First Natl, Knoxville, Tenn, on Central Natl, NYC, used 1867. Vignette agric. produce upper left and train scene upper right; 2) Green-on-white Second Natl Freeport, Ill. on Natl Park Bank, NYC, used 1868; Vignette Columbia (?) (big babe with flag and eagle).
- Lot #46 Above 9 lots received from a member who was revenue stamp collector as well as check collector. I've taken out the good stuff and this is what's left--62 items mostly checks, mostly in good shape, but I see nothing special in the lot. A few vignettes; almost all with 2¢ revenue stamp. Many from the 1860's, only one after 1900. Don't bid too much!

SLIDE PROGRAM ON CHECKS AVAILABLE

THE HISTORY AND COLLECTING OF CHECKS is the title of the color slide program produced by Brent Hughes for Check Collectors Round Table.

The slide program is designed as a program to be viewed by local numismatic, philatelic, historical organizations, schools, banks, service clubs and other interested groups. The set consists of 75 slides augmented with a rather comprehensive narrative, tracing the history of checks and their place in the economic picture in the United States, and their origin back to England.

The program includes:

- Very early checks - earliest is 1664

- Types of revenue stamps on checks - imprinted and adhesive.
(the check tax)

- Examples of fine printing and beautiful vignettes on checks.

- Checks signed by famous persons (autographs).

- "Western flavor" checks, of the 19th century.

- "Match-ups" - checks and currency with same vignettes.

- Checks payable in gold or silver.

- Examples of check protection shown on checks.

- Recent pictorial checks.

The showing time is approximately twenty-five minutes, depending upon the speed of the reader. No previous knowledge of checks is necessary to enjoy the show, yet it is detailed enough to be of interest to the advanced collector.

This is a professional presentation, produced from original high quality slides incorporating clear detail and color.

If your organization is interested in viewing the CCRT slide program, please contact:

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Arrangements will be made so that your group may enjoy the program.

Check Collectors Round Table is an active group of collectors from most of our states and a number of distant countries, who are interested in the collecting, preservation and research of old and new bank checks, drafts, money orders, deposit receipts, notes, autographs, stock and bond certificates, engravings, vignettes and protectographing methods. Information about CCRT may be obtained from Larry Adams at the above address. Your membership is welcome.